

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled, while claims 2 and 8 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 7, respectively. In addition, claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,157,492 to Tults in view of U.S. Patent 4,146,843 to Isobe, and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,405,947 to Tults et al. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has found claims 2-6 and 8 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection has been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 2-6 and 8-10, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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